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Examiner: Thai, T.

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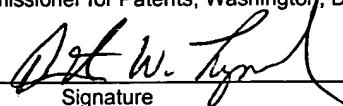
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Higher No. Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fees
Total Claims		20		X \$18.00	\$
Indep. Claims		3		X \$84.00	\$
Multiply Dependent Claims					\$
				TOTAL FEES	\$

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

Respectfully submitted,

Altera Law Group, LLC



Date: 12/30/02

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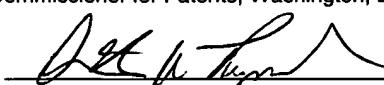
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for conditional allowance of claims 16-19.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Miller et al (hereinafter named Miller). According to the Office Action, with respect to claims 1, 6 and 11, Miller discloses at least the first set of storage volumes further comprises data recording media including a plurality of extended format